

THE PLACE OF SOCIAL STUDIES EDUCATION IN ENSURING FREE AND FAIR ELECTIONS IN NIGERIA

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Abstract

The problem of election mal-practices is perhaps one of the realities which constitutes socio-political phenomena and shame and has eaten deep into the society. Other such realities include ignorance and poverty, (both of which further compound the problem of election mal-practices), corruption, ethnic and religious conflicts to mention a few. These have had adverse effects on nation-building. The task of ensuring free and fair elections specifically and that of nation-building in general requires effective citizens. Social Studies education has all it takes in its objectives, contents and methodology to produce nationalistic and patriotic citizenry and ensure free and fair elections. This paper examines the role that Social Studies education can play in ensuring free and fair elections.